

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 599**

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TO:	The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Chairman, Senate Medical Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Physician Licensing		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 599 amends Section 40-47-20(36) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the definitions of the term "practice of medicine." The Bill deletes two categories of medical service so as to allow unlicensed practitioners to determine whether or not a patient needs a medical procedure and would allow an unlicensed individual to diagnose and consult on a patient in South Carolina by means of the internet. The Bill also clarifies that the practice of medicine is also defined by the use of the designation "doctor", etc. but only when used in a clinical setting.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation reports that there would be no fiscal impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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